

Winter athletes receive awards at banquet

By Jeff Oberlies

The 1979 Winter Athletic Banquet and Awards Program was held March 14, honoring athletes from basketball, wrestling, swimming and gymnastics.

After the traditional pitch-in dinner, the Howe athletes and their parents gathered in the auditorium to listen to guest speaker Charles Maas, IHSAA assistant commissioner.

The topic of Maas' speech was "Why do we participate in athletics?"

Maas emphasized the importance of competing in athletics and life. He said that athletics teaches one to accept and learn to live with failures and losses.

After the speech the Men's 400 Club handed out awards for the most valuable player in each respective sport. The Kiwanis Club of Irvington

awarded the best mental attitude awards in the men's sports, while Tri Kappa awarded it in the Women's sports.

Coach Jim Stutz then presented Brian Edwards with the game ball from the Regionals, in which Edwards broke the single game rebounding record with 22 rebounds against Washington.

The major award winners were as follows:

Men Gymnastics

Most Valuable Player
.....Joey Cornett
Best Mental Attitude
.....Malcolm Curry
Most Improved Player
.....Ralph Linville

Men Basketball

Most Valuable Players
.....Rick McKinstry
Best Mental Attitude
.....Bob Phillips
John Elliot Award
.....Bob Phillips

Men Swimming

Most Valuable Player
.....Dean Hvidston
Best Mental Attitude
.....Mike Ohrberg

Wrestling

Most Valuable Player
.....Tim Hill
Best Mental Attitude
.....Jesse Finch

Women Basketball

Most Valuable Player
.....Sheila Robertson
Best Mental Attitude
.....Julie Oberlies
Most Improved Player
.....Meresa Ferguson



Senior Bob Phillips thanks the audience after winning the John Elliot Award in basketball at the Athletic Banquet March 14. (Photo by Dave Welch)

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Briefs

Poetry . . . The Indiana Chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters is encouraging all students in grades 10-12 to enter the 11th Annual Carrie Abbott Guio Poetry Awards.

First prize is \$25, and second prize is \$15. Rules and suggestions may be obtained from Bruce Beck in the English Office. Entries must be given to Beck by April 2.

NMSC Finalists . . . Seniors Kim Frech, Tim McPherson, and Dan Shinkle have been advanced to finalist standing in the 1979 National Merit Scholarship competition.

These three are eligible to compete for one of the one thousand National Merit \$1,000 Scholarships and one of the three thousand four-year Merit Scholarships to be awarded this spring.

Media Contest . . . The Media Center is sponsoring a contest for all Howe students. Contestants are to make a logogram depicting "Media Mania". Entries must be given to Joanne Leffler in the Media Center by April 11.

First place prize is \$10.

Girls', Boys' State

'Interest in government' sends 5 juniors to camp

By Leslie Cox

Howe's junior class will be represented by three girls and two boys at the Hoosier Girls' and Boys' State this summer.

The girls chosen to participate in Girls' State are juniors Karin Hilton, Susie Hildebrand, and Cecile Schlebecher. Laura Reed is the alternate. Girls' State will be held at Indiana State University, Terre Haute June 17-24.

Juniors Jim Stewart and Gary McPherson will attend Boys' State June 9-16, also at Indiana State.

The purpose of Hoosier Girls' and Boys' State is to educate young people in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship. This nonpartisan and non-political program is designed to give experience in the problems of self-government as it operates in Indiana.

According to head counselor John Trinkle, "This program gives the kids a chance to meet kids from all over Indiana. Generally, there is an interest in government and the outcome is normally a recommendable experience."

Hilltopper completes yearbook

By Nancy Janes

After "lots of 9:00 after school sessions and lots of Saturday sessions, sometimes until midnight at deadline time," according to Dale Dinkens, yearbook advisor, the last portions of the **Hilltopper** were mailed late to the printer March 12.

Because the printer received the layouts late, the

distribution of Hilltopper is unknown. Dinkens said, "I wish I knew! I'm hoping it will be before school's out."

This year's **Hilltopper**, according to Dinkens, is very different from last year's. There are 208 pages this year while last year's had only 184 pages. There are feature articles, such as one on coaches

written by junior, Jim Stewart that Dinkens said is "one of the best pieces of yearbook writing I've ever seen." Also, there is a mini magazine, with features about dating, fashions, movies, money, hang-outs, music, dances, slang, and T.V. There is a special section on school spirit, featuring the "Howe Rowdies."

The yearbook's theme is "From the Inside Out." The cover wording fits in with the theme, according to Dinkens. It's a circular color picture on a black background.

Dinkens said "This has been the hardest book to put together in my five years as advisor, and I think it's the best one."

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Howe victim of yellow journalism

Recently, Howe has received some very bad publicity because of two news broadcasts about drug arrests at Howe—one by WTHR (Channel 13) on Friday, March 9; the other on Monday, March 12, by WRTV (Channel 6). While WRTV displayed poor reporting, WTHR's was worse.

WTHR demonstrated extremely poor journalism. The broadcast was entirely unfair and contained very little factual information.

It distorted the whole picture of life at Howe. It may have permanently ruined our reputation. The newscast said tension was mounting and school officials feared a racial outbreak.

It also said that members of the administration refused to be interviewed. Bill Dean, news director of WTHR-TV, stated that everything in the report was factual.

However, Donald Glenn, Howe vice-principal, said, "There was a break-up in communication. When they (WTHR) said I refused to be interviewed, they meant I refused to be interviewed on camera. Actually, I talked to the man (Cameron Harper, a WTHR investigative reporter) for half an hour. The public just didn't take it that way."

The newscast left the impression that school officials were concealing something. Glenn gave Harper and his cameraman a tour of the building. He allowed them to film anything they wanted to. They found, according to Glenn, "no evidence of anyone misbehaving." Afterwards, they filmed some students on the patio and on the bridge. Certainly those few class-cutters do not represent the majority of the students at Howe. Yet, this was the film they showed on television.

Channel 13 not only hurt Howe, but themselves as well by not properly investigating this story.

This is a perfect example of the press looking for a sensational story but when not being able to find it, fabricating one instead.



Pep rally hinders freedom of choice

Dear Editor:

Freedom of choice is supposedly the hallmark of our nation's democracy, but what choice do we have in the minute level of attending pep assemblies? It seems to me that some of the purposes of education are to teach us the ways of democracy and instruct us to become up-standing citizens in society and to exercise our freedom of choice properly. Do we ever get to demonstrate our freedom of choice? No, not really. We do get to choose our classes, but

I would say the list ends there.

With mandatory schooling until the age of sixteen and no choice of what school you attend, (I realize that's changing) how can we be peppy? Apparently not too many people are after looking at statistics of drop-out rates and truancy and plain cutting. Because I live here, I will be loyal to Howe. However, loyalty and enthusiasm doesn't stem from living in a certain sector of a city or by being forcefully bused to a school.

I was always led to believe that pep and spirit was a spontaneous reaction but somehow being filed into the gym like a herd of cattle and told to be spirited for 45-minutes isn't my idea of spontaneous. I feel that attending a pep rally should be optional, but, I feel we should be able to use the time any way we want. I resent being subjected to squealy cheerleaders and being told to be peppy. I can think of a lot of better ways to spend my time.

If I wanted to be loyal to any athletic team, I would attend their games. Judging from low attendance at all athletic events I guess I'm not alone. In fact, I'm speaking for the majority.

Janice Munchel

'Coat of filth' hurts Howe's reputation

Dear Editor:

As you probably know, a few weeks ago a female student going home for lunch was stopped and asked to show her home lunch pass. Having none, she returned to the building. Feeling persecuted, she thought it was something the news media might want to pick up on. Trying to enhance the appeal of her story, she also threw in the "fact" of there being 23 switchblades and 3 guns. So one TV station rushed out to

cover the "riot" at Howe High School, the "prison on the Eastside." When they got here it was all over, they had missed it". Not wanting to waste a trip, they accused the administration of sweeping it "under the mat". The news media was back in a few days to report on the week long riot and found exactly what they had before, nothing. They did, however, find students yelling obscenities at the administrators and police. This did wonders for

our public image.

So what am I getting at? Well, I think that the crackdown is completely justified. The parking lot is a place to park cars, not a meeting place for friends. If students want to go home for lunch, they should have a home lunch pass. If not, they should stay in school. Non-students should not be allowed on campus without permission. If people don't like the rules, they should try and change them in an or-

derly fashion. If they violate the rules, they should be disciplined. I'm glad the scum of Howe High School is finally being dealt with properly. I hope administrators continue to remove the coat of filth that hides the real Howe. After all, why should we get a bad name for others' actions?

A member of the majority

Locker fine irks student

Dear Editor:

I am very ticked off at the locker situation. Instead of worrying about cutters and smokers, they (administrators) are making people pay for having stickers and scratches on their lockers. Most of the scratches and stickers on lockers are done by other parties or persons.

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Confused teens resort to suicide

By Michele Hawkins

The American Association of Suicidology estimates that suicide may be the second leading cause of death among young people. Many teenagers turn to suicide as an alternative for "getting out of what they're in," said Pat Jones, coordinator of Crisis and Suicide Intervention Service.

Mrs. Jones believes the reason so many kids choose to take their lives may be due to the changing value system. "Our value systems are changing so rapidly ... we are sort of midstream on deciding what our true values are," she said.

Mrs. Jones also feels the relationship between parents and their kids may be an underlying cause to suicide.

"Young people have a problem connecting with their folks in a way that is concrete, yet emotionally acceptable, she explained.

Mrs. Jones believes teenagers are trying to say to their parents, "Please let me be independent, but not too much because I still want to be dependant. I can't handle everything on my own".

It is often hard for parents to decide on the proper type of discipline. According to Mrs. Jones many teens who commit suicide come from "well put together families", but the parents are not al-

ways in agreement on how to raise the kids.

According to Mrs. Jones, many teenagers who kill themselves are often "extremely bright, very articulate, and many times the leaders in school."

Mrs. Jones feels the expectations the family places on a specific child are so great that the kid can no longer meet his requirements; therefore, he upsets his family as well as himself.

For example, a student that has received straight "A's" for a number of years is unspokenly assumed to continue to receive them. Getting a "B" would be a crushing blow.

According to Mrs. Jones most people who take their lives are trying to get a certain message across; "It's so bad that I'm going to have to really get everybody shook up to know how bad it really is".

When a person makes the final decision to kill himself, usually it is because no one heard his "cry for help" Mrs. Jones said. Many times this person desperately needs someone to talk to, who will listen and try to understand.

"Most teenagers haven't lived long enough to know how to get through a mess," stated Mrs. Jones.

She feels many young people have not had enough practice seeking alternatives to difficult problems. How-

ever, suicide usually is not the result of a sudden impulse because a kid could not find an immediate solution to a bad situation.

The idea of suicide is usually built upon many months, sometimes years, she explained. During this uncertain period, many outside things may occur. The loss of a friend, adjusting to a new school, parents getting a divorce and the loss of a boy or girlfriend all increase the chances of suicide.

According to Mrs. Jones, a suicide attempt may occur after a minor incident which upset the person. But, this incident only represents "the straw that broke the camels back," she explained.

Many things must have led up to it.

A lot of teenagers in a situation, such as the one described, will turn to the Mental Health Association for help.

The person receiving the call will try to help the teenager understand his desire to commit suicide is not based on one incident, but on several. When the teenager realizes and accepts this, then he may be helped, Mrs. Jones said.

Each time a person calls, a couple of routine questions are always asked. First, they try to find out whether the person is calling about suicide or some other crisis. Next, they attempt to dis-



cover the location of the caller. At that point, the individual is treated as being separate from all other cases.

Many times a young person calls who is on the verge of killing himself. According to Mrs. Jones, her response to the teenager who threatens suicide is, "No, your not going to kill yourself. We are now together and we're going to do everything in our power to stop you. You are in no condition to make that decision."


According to literature from the Mental Health Association in Marion County, people who call in about suicide are often unsure about what they want. By their decision to call they seem to be saying they need

and desire help. But, while speaking they say, "It's too late. There's no solution."

The Mental Health Association in Marion County, located at 1433 N. Meridian, tries to help people calling about suicide realize that something can be done.

According to their literature, three words, loss, loneliness, and hopelessness, appear again and again when exploring reasons people commit suicide.

If only someone had noticed these signs many suicides and suicide attempts could be prevented, Mrs. Jones said.

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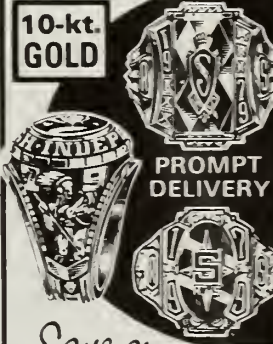
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A lot of work went into "Carousel" including Choir, Orchestra, light crew, sets, make-up crew, choreography and months of practice. It was worth it, because "Carousel" turned out great!

The leads were: Camilla Rich, Carrie Pipperidge; Ann Hudson, Julie Jordan; Betty Hempfling, Mrs. Mullen; David Welch, Billy Bigelow; Doug Hvidston, David Bascombe; Jill Denham, Nettie Fowler; Jim Davis, Enoch Snow; Steve Spicklemire, Jigger Craigin; Jean Hilton, Louise Bigelow; Bill Leamon, Enoch Snow, Jr.; Julie O'Haver, June Girl; and Mark Holm, Heavenly Friend.

They, as well as the chorus, did an excellent job in holding the attention of the audience and in some parts actually making them cry.

The painful story of how Julie Jordan falls in love with Billy Bigelow, a barker in a "Carousel" is told beautifully through music by Rogers & Hammerstein. They both lose their jobs and Billy is continually unhappy. Julie becomes pregnant and Billy tries to earn money by dealing with sly Jigger Craigin. In the process, he is arrested and instead of living unhappily he kills himself, calling out Julie's name as he does. He's taken to the backyard of heaven instead of the golden gate where he is given one day to do a good deed, so he returns to help his daughter, Louise who has grown up with the same temperament as Billy. He only helps her through her mother by leaving a bright star on a table where Julie finds it.

The story ends on a note of fulfillment as Louise graduates and Billy sees her as a young woman, standing beside her mother while the chorus sings "You'll Never Walk Alone".

It was an excellent production and many felt the way Sherri Barnard did as she said, "This is my last Howe musical and I'm glad it's the best." And it was the best!



ke 'Carousel' go around



Photos by Al Denbo
and Robin Rippel

Howe bows to Panthers in regional wrap-up

Howe's men varsity basketball team bowed to North Central High School, 69-59, in the championship game of the Indianapolis Regional at Hinkle Fieldhouse after squeezing by Washington High School in overtime 76-75 in the first game.

The sharp-shooting Panthers shot 57 percent from the field on 24 of 42, while the Hornets could only manage 42 percent on 27 of 64. Howe connected on less than half their free-throws, hitting 5 of 11. However, North Central knocked in 21 of 28 for 75 percent.

The Panthers' David Bastian led all scorers with 24 points to help North Central's cause. Four players, led by Brian Edwards' 17 points, reached double figures for the Hornets.

In their first regional game

with Washington, the Hornets shrugged off a great fourth quarter surge by the Continentals as Washington rallied from a ten point deficit to send the game into overtime knotted at 69.

Howe's rebounding power was a key factor in the game as the Hornets owned the boards with 69 to Washington's 55. Poor shooting for both teams showed as each side shot under 50 percent.

The Hornets were led by the outstanding play of Rick McKinstry who went 13 of 23 from the field on his way to a 27 point effort. Howe's two other front-liners, Brian Edwards and Bob Phillips, knocked in 18 apiece. Phil McKay chipped in 13. Washington's Donnie McCoy led all scorers tallying 28 points.

AAU selects McKinstry for international tourney

Rick McKinstry has been selected by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) as a member of the American All-star team traveling to Manheim, West Germany to compete in the Albert Sweitzer Memorial Tournament.

Sixteen different countries will participate in the round-

robin, double elimination tournament.

Although the official tournament is April 15-20, McKinstry will be in Europe from April 6-22 practicing with the team in Frankfurt.

Coach Jim Stutz said, "Few people from Indianapolis have been selected for this honor and it's a nice opportunity for Rick."



Senior Phillip McKay looks for maneuvering room against his North Central defender in regional action at Hinkle Fieldhouse, March 10. (Photo by Doug Hvidston).

Tennis team expects victory

The girls tennis team is now preparing to serve up their first win April 9 against Manual.

"The girls don't feel as though it will be a tough match," says Coach Al Wright. Wright says he doesn't know very much about the other tennis teams

in the city due to the fact that he wasn't coach last year.

Coach Wright feels that the girls should do "quite well this season."

Wright feels that some of the top players will be Julie Oberlies, Lisa Ransom, Mary Lumsey, Celeste Boulais,

Gustavia Helm, and Penny LaRue.

Other members of the team are Pasha Curry, Terrie Horton, Jeannie McAtee, Melanie McDermet, Sheila Robertson, Veronica Skiles, Venora Skiles, Laura Taylor, Jennifer Trout, and Jill Wheeling.

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Bumpy field handicaps varsity baseball

The Howe varsity baseball team will face five tough teams as the season opens the first week after spring vacation.

In the first game, Howe will go up against Secina. According to Coach Errol Spears, the team will have some trouble because they are not used to playing on a

smooth diamond.

In order to get the field in shape, Coach Spears has had the field cut, weeds dug out and a fence put up.

Despite these efforts, the diamond remains bumpy and the fence has been partially knocked down.

Spears said "We desperately need a roller. Then we

could get out all the bumps. Then we might have a half way decent field."

According to Spears, we have a very close team. They play well together.

Spears added, "I will look for Brad Gildea and Kyle Mattingly to be outstanding pitchers."

According to Spears, the teams weaknesses are a lack of speed and power hitters.

However, he said, "I think we will have a high batting average and slow down the strike outs."

Spears has coached for 11 years. Last year's record was 11-13.

Returning lettermen are

Rob Thompson, Jerry Suiter, Brad Gildea, and Bart Marshall.

Other team members are Kenny Clark, Monty Hammond, Mark Hubbard, Kyle

Mattingly, Rob Myric, Chris Pritt, Tim Schuster, Marc Scroggins, Jim Turner, and Don Kleppe.

Perkins optimistic about upcoming track season

Howe's girls track team should be better than average, according to head coach James Perkins.

Although he is optimistic about the upcoming season, Perkins is not sure how well the Hornets will compete this year. "It's too early to tell," he said. Last year's team finished with 8-3 record.

Perkins said he was pleasantly suprised how the girls ran in the annual pre-seasoned Brown and Gold intra-squad meet. He feels many girls will do better than what is expected of them.

The schedule this year will be different from past years because the team will compete in four triple-meets this season.

Also added to the regular season is the Cinder Relays, which Howe will host April 26, competing with five other squads.

Perkins feels there are several girls on his team that

have the potential to make state. These standouts are Cheryl Craig, hurdles; Angela Montgomery in both

the 100 and 220 yard dashes; Nancy Janes, 880 yard run; Rhonda Thomas, mile run; Gewonda Britton, high jump; and Sherry Curry, 440 yard dash.

Outdoor practice for the girls began the first week of March. However, most of the girls began physical conditioning, which was optional, early in February.

"The girls also ask for longer practices and on Saturday too," Perkins added.

Perkins hopes that fan support this year will be good.

"We'd really like to see parents, and students out at our meets. They supported us well last year," he stated.

Soccer team proposal lacks support

The decision to have a soccer team at Howe is still, as of now, in the air. A coach or sponsor is lacking and may be hindering the efforts of students and faculty to add a soccer team to the athletic program.

Howe athletic director Rick Hewitt said he has asked, an-

nounced, and pleaded to the faculty for a coach or sponsor. He said he has not received any response.

Hewitt said, "There is a problem with field space. Soccer would be a fall sport and the football team will be using the field."

Warren Central's soccer

coach, Clyde Foster, said that his team has "no real problems."

Foster said, "When you play as a club, rather than a school, you aren't controlled by IHSA rules. As far as cost is concerned, we pay for equipment and each person buys his own uniform."

Mackell, Craig advance to finals

Two girls will represent Howe in the state finals tomorrow afternoon.

Junior Cheryl Craig gained this right, along with Jeanne Mackell, by placing second close behind last year's state champion, Kelly Enright, on the floor exercise. Miss Mackell tied for first on vaulting.

The regional was won by last year's State champs, Perry Meridian.

Miss Craig, Miss Mackell, and Janet Mackell earned the right to go to the regional by placing in the Sectional March 10.

The sectional was also

won by Perry Meridian followed closely by Ben Davis, Pike, and Howe.

Coach Lou Anne Schwenn stated, "It was a difficult sectional with all the top teams in it. In the Greenfield Sec-

tional, Carmel (the winners) would have placed tenth out of the ten teams in our sectional."

She added, "I feel that the girls have done a marvelous job all season."

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By Kim Friedly

"Is it almost time?", wailed a girl as she sat waiting in the Howe gym Friday evening, March 9. Many played basketball, some played cards, but most just talked and laughed and waited anxiously. The Amtrak train, due to leave a little after 7 p.m., was late.

Finally, sometime after 8 p.m., 49 students and eight adults left for Indianapolis Union Station. After another wait there, the train was boarded and they were on their way.

Out of courtesy to the other passengers, Amtrak had reserved a whole car for the Howeites, who promptly broke into the Howe Loyalty song as the train rumbled past the gates of Howe.

The brave chaperones included Howe faculty members Jerry McLeish, Jim Arvin and Ron Finkbinder. Other chaperones were Dave Mackenzie, Sue Kosegi, Kathy Oberlies, Cheryl Boekankamp and Jeanne Wall. The students were members of McLeish's World Civilizations 4 and Finkbinder's International Relations classes. Each person had paid \$160 for transporta-

tion, hotel and meal costs.

Saturday, March 10—The group arrived at Penn Central Station, New York City, checked into the Piccadilly Hotel on 45th near Broadway, and went to dinner at Burger King. Prices in New York were not cheap. Whoppers ran about \$1.49, fries, 75 cents, large Coke, 75 cents. The group was then free to tour Times Square on its own. Groups of at least five people observed many sights and sounds of Saturday night in the heart of Manhattan.

Sunday March 11—Everyone up and ready for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. All breakfasts were at nearby Howard Johnson's, where the hostess was a real gem.

The tour bus left at 9 a.m. and drove all over Manhattan Island—through the clothing manufacturing district, by the Brooklyn Bridge, the various apartments (all expensive), in famous Greenwich village, and to Chinatown, where the group browsed through a Buddhist Temple and a gift shop. Then, on a ferry ride to the Statue of Lib-

erty where many braved the narrow steps that twisted straight to the top of Miss Liberty's crown.

Afterward, it was on to the Empire State Building and (luckily) an elevator ride to the top.

Dinner that night, was a walk away at a steak house. The students were then free until 7 p.m. when they went to view a multi-media presentation called "The New York Experience."

Everyone then went his own way to observe more of Times Square, sample some great Italian pizza and oriental food, and attend a chaperoned toga party until room check at Midnight.

Monday March 12—After breakfast it was a long walk to the United Nations by 9 a.m., where the group took a guided tour, and was briefed by a U.N. official on proceed-

ings. By 11:30 a.m. the group assembled at the U.S. Embassy for a briefing on U.S. foreign policy. Then more free time to shop around or just sleep.

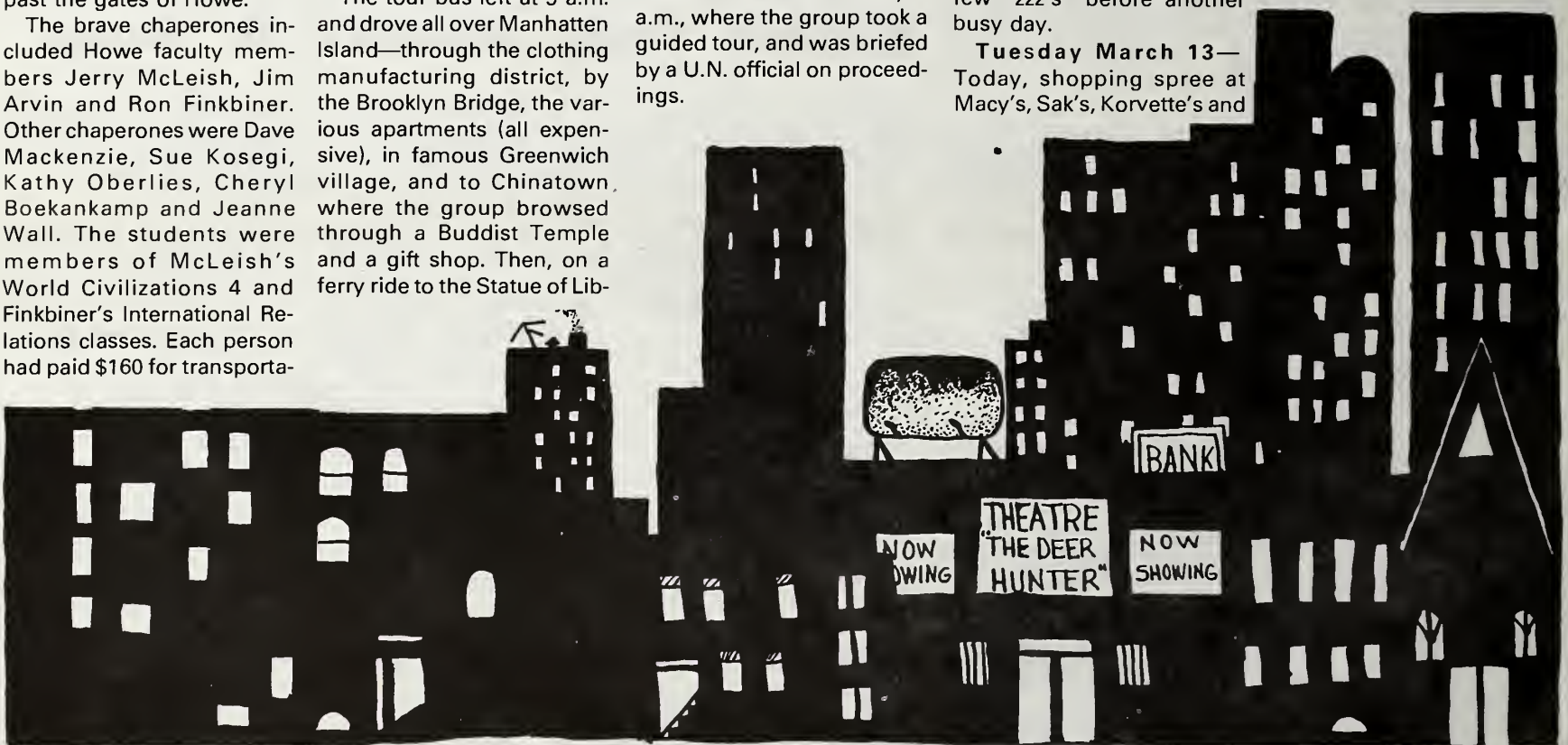
Around 5 p.m. the group, almost unrecognizable in their dressy attire, headed for the famous restaurant Mama Leone's where they partook of cheese, bread, shrimp cocktail, fruit, spaghetti, lasagna, veal parmigean, chicken, ice cream and duck, in a truly Italian setting, complete with strolling musicians. Then everyone rolled over to Radio City Music Hall to see the Easter show, which included the "Rockettes" and a movie entitled "The Promise". After this, back to the hotel in an attempt to catch a few "zzz's" before another busy day.

Tuesday March 13—Today, shopping spree at Macy's, Sak's, Korvette's and

Gimbles. Then an experience never to be forgotten. The 49 students and 8 adults hopped onto the subway for a trip to Wall Street and a tour of the stock exchange. Then onto the subway again and back to Times Square for the late, last lunch at Howard Johnson's. Elaine Cridlin and John Bradburn received Birthday cakes from the hostess.

At 4:55 the group was back on the train home. Funny how quiet the trip back was, except for the steady snoring of the adults.

Wednesday March 14—11:45 the group passes Howe as it looks on a typical day. But the days missed are not regretted at all. The experience was worth an "A"



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